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IT WASN'T SO BAD BEING ALONE DURING THE WEEK, BUT HOW COULD MY CRYING HEART BEAR "THOSE LONELY SATURDAY NIGHTS!"

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WHAT DOES A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL OF 17 NEED TO KNOW HAPPINESS? NOT MUCH, YOU'D THINK! JUST A BOY TO GO DANCING WITH ONCE IN A WHILE, JUST A FEW LAUGHS, A GOOD TIME... BUT HOW CAN YOU HAVE EVEN THESE SIMPLE THINGS WHEN YOU COME FROM A POOR FAMILY AND HAVE TO TURN DOWN INVITATIONS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO WORK NIGHTS? THEN ALL YOU DO HAVE IS...

THOSE LONELY SATURDAY NIGHTS!

COME ON ALONG WITH US, SALLY! WE'RE ALL GOING BOWLING TONIGHT!

I WISH I COULD, BUT I CAN'T! SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY MORNING!

IT'S A SHAME YOU HAVE TO WORK NIGHTS AND NOT HAVE GOOD TIMES, SALLY!

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IT WASN'T THAT I WASN'T ASKED TO GO OUT! EVEN JERRY MANNERS, THE MOST POPULAR AND TALENTED BOY IN SCHOOL, APPROACHED ME TO GO OUT...

HEY, SALLY, THE BAND OVER AT THE COUNTRY CLUB IS GOING TO PLAY ONE OF MY SONGS SATURDAY NIGHT! WANT TO COME WITH ME AND HEAR IT?

SATURDAY NIGHT? THAT'S A WAITRESS'S BUSIEST NIGHT JERRY!

IT'S NOT RIGHT! YOU NEVER ACCEPT A DATE!

HOW CAN I? MY FAMILY NEEDS EVERY CENT WE CAN GET! I JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!

I WORKED IN A NICE LITTLE TEA SHOPPE WHERE SOME OF THE TEACHERS HAD THEIR MEALS...

HELLO, SALLY! HOW'S MY FAVORITE GLEE CLUB MEMBER?

ALL RIGHT, MRS. SWANSON! I'M SORRY I CAN'T ATTEND THE GLEE CLUB CONCERT NEXT WEEK! I HAVE TO WORK AGAIN THAT NIGHT!

SALLY, I THINK YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD VOICE! HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF TAKING UP SINGING AS A CAREER?

I'M NOT *THAT* GOOD, MRS. SWANSON!

WELL, *I* THINK YOU *ARE* AND I'VE ENTERED YOUR NAME IN A SINGING CONTEST ON THE CITY TV STATION! FIRST PRIZE IS A HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND IT MAY LEAD TO SINGING ENGAGEMENTS!

OH...DO YOU REALLY THINK I HAVE A CHANCE?

I WAS VERY NERVOUS THE NIGHT OF THE CONTEST, BUT THE MINUTE I OPENED MY MOUTH TO SING, MY NERVOUSNESS DISAPPEARED...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THIS LONELY HEART COULD DREAM OF, BUT I'VE GOT THOSE LONELY SATURDAY NIGHT BLUES!

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THERE'S TWO WEEKS SINGING ENGAGEMENT WAITING FOR YOU WITH KEN JACKSON AND HIS MELODEERS! GOOD LUCK ON THE THRESHOLD OF A WONDERFUL CAREER, SALLY BROWNE!

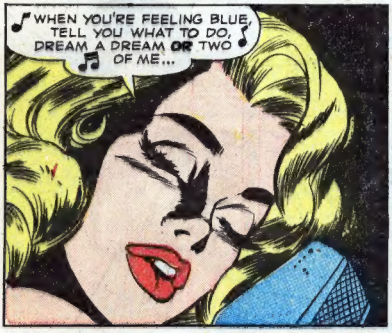
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! SUDDENLY, I WAS SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO THE BIG TIME, SALLY!

I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT MRS. SWANSON'S HELP... AND YOU KIDS TO CHEER ME ON! THANKS, EVERYBODY!

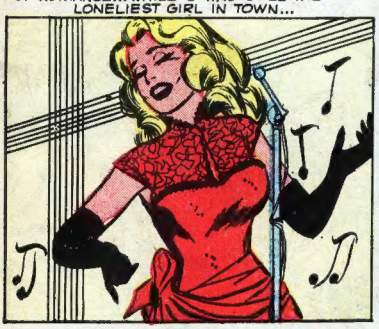
HAPPIEST OF ALL WERE MOM AND DAD...

I HAD THE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND I WAS GETTING PAID SINGING FOR THE MELODEERS, SO I DROPPED THE JOB FOR A FEW WEEKS AND STARTED IN WITH THE BAND...

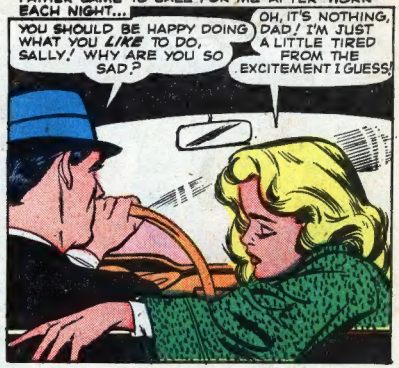


AND NOW I SANG WITH ALL MY HEART BECAUSE MY FUTURE LOOKED BRIGHT AND GAY!

AND WHILE OTHER COUPLES DANCED CHEEK-TO-CHEEK ROMANTICALLY, I SANG THE SONG THAT GOT THEM INTO THE MOOD OF ROMANCE... WHILE I WAS STILL THE LONELIEST GIRL IN TOWN...

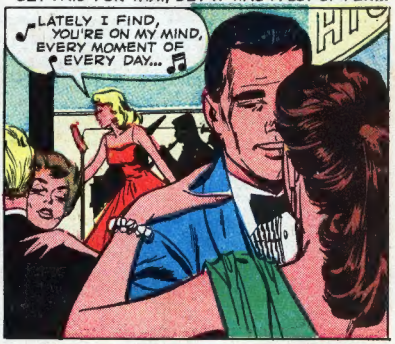


FATHER CAME TO CALL FOR ME AFTER WORK EACH NIGHT...



THEN THE TWO WEEKS PASSED AND MY LIFE RESUMED AGAIN, BUT NOT AS IT WAS BEFORE...

JOB FOLLOWED JOB... AND THEN I SANG FOR THE SCHOOL DANCES, TOO! OF COURSE, I DIDN'T GET PAID FOR THAT, BUT IT WAS A LOT OF FUN...



AT LAST I WAS DANCING ON A SATURDAY NIGHT... AND I OWED IT ALL TO MY SINGING AND THOSE WHO HAD HELPED ME WITH IT! I NEVER KNEW I COULD BE SO HAPPY...

THANKS FOR SINGING MY SONGS, SALLY! THEY'RE NOT TOPS YET, BUT ONE DAY I'LL WRITE GOOD ONES AND I'LL BE MADE!
I LIKE SINGING YOUR TUNES AND I THINK THEY'RE ALL TOPS!

SALLY, I NEVER HAD THE NERVE TO TELL YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU A LOT!
I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU, JERRY!

SALLY, COULD YOU AND I BE A STEADY ITEM? I MEAN... GO OUT WITH ONLY EACH OTHER?
THERE ISN'T ANOTHER BOY I'D RATHER BE WITH THAN YOU, JERRY!

I USED TO BE SO LONELY ON SATURDAY NIGHTS BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T WITH ME!
FROM NOW ON, THERE'LL BE NO MORE LONELY SATURDAY NIGHTS...

...FOR EITHER OF US!

AND THAT WAS THE WAY I STARTED GOING STEADY WITH JERRY... THE BEGINNING OF A WONDERFUL LIFE WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE IN STORE FOR BOTH OF US...
SO NEVER STOP YOUR DREAMING IF YOU WANT TO LOSE THOSE LONELY SATURDAY NIGHT BLUES!
THE END

MY OWN TRUE LOVE

THERE was no sound within the room itself, but from where I stood at the window I could hear the sweep of the wind through the pines and noticed the swift-moving whitecaps as they rushed forward across the surface of the lake.

There was beauty here, the silent, awe-inspiring beauty of a world of growing things, and yet there was loneliness. A loneliness, so deep, that it reached down into the very core of my being, leaving me breathless and afraid.

Yet, I wasn't really alone. I had Allen, and that should have been enough. His love for me was true and deep, but despite it, there was still the emptiness, persistent and overwhelming.

I left the window, and with a sudden stiffening of my body I remembered the last talk with my father.

"Allen is good," he told me. "I'm sure he will make a devoted husband and always love you . . . but what about you, Vicki? Can you live his kind of life . . . a life almost out of reach of civilization itself?"

I remember the defiance with which I had answered him.

"I could live with Allen anywhere and be happy," I replied. "It makes little difference whether it is here in Philadelphia, or the North woods. So long as two people are in love . . ."

"Then time and place is of no importance," he interrupted with a gentle smile.

"Exactly!" I replied, and the edge of annoyance was in my voice.

He shrugged his shoulders, but he went on speaking, as though these things had to be said, regardless of the pain it might bring.

"The only thing that frightens me is that your city background might not be able to stand the rigors of his kind of life. Allen is a ranger. The Maine woods have always been his home. It's never been a challenge to him. I'm thinking not only of you, but Allen too. If you fail him, Vicki, it will be a hurt for both of you."

"Nothing like that could ever happen," I had said with finality.

But now, as I moved about the sparsely furnished cabin, the solid impact of that conversation was a thought-sobering reality. Six months had passed since Allen and I had married, and though I had tried to suppress it as best I could, there was a steadily growing rebellion toward the life I had so eagerly accepted a short while back. Those first months had been happy ones, but with summer's passing, something seemed to go with it.

In the midst of these thoughts, I heard the click of the back door, and then Allen's brisk step as he came down the passageway.

In a moment he was in the room, struggling out of his Mackinaw, his handsome face aglow with a new radiance I had never seen before.

"A flock of geese winged by only a few minutes ago." There was a singing, enthusiastic tone to his vioce. "Honking like mad, too. Even if you didn't see them, you couldn't help hearing them."

"I heard them," I said. "I don't imagine there is a more dismal and forlorn sound like it in the whole world."

"Dismal?"

He came over to where I stood and placed his hands on my shoulders.

"It's a beautiful sound, Vicki. Up here we like to think of it at a kind of trumpet call. An announcement that winter is on its way. You'll love the winter, honey."

He made an attempt to take me in his arms, but I drew back. In one blinding flash, the fearsome implications of this new life crashed down upon me, crumbling the false courage I had been fool enough to believe in.

I spoke quickly, almost incoherently, and all the while I was conscious of the hurt expression of stunned surprise on Allen's face, his hands hanging limply at his sides.

"I can't go on," I shouted. I hate this life. "It isn't that I miss the city so much, the crowds, the security in knowing that all around you are other people like yourself. It's more than that, Allen I'm afraid . . . of the sky, the wind, the trees and all this vast open country. You seem to expand in it, but

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LEADING MEDICAL JOURNAL REPORTS PROOF OF *Amazing* NEW MEDICATED FORMULA FOR PIMPLES

ACNE, TEEN-AGE PIMPLES, SURFACE SKIN BLEMISHES and IRRITATIONS!

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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVEALS NEGLECT CAUSE OF MANY SKIN TROUBLES

Skin Specialists and Medical statistics tell us that broken out skin usually occurs from adolescence and can continue on through adulthood. Adolescents often carry these scars throughout their life. Many never get over the "feeling of embarrassment" and are always conscious of their appearance and complexion. Persistent cases of "bad skin" sometimes continue on through adulthood. In this stage of life, the responsibilities of earning a living and meeting people are essential if you are to climb the ladder of success in your job. It is doubly important to give your skin problems *immediate care*. Physicians state that to neglect your skin may prolong your skin troubles and make it more difficult to clear up. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than NOW!

DOCTORS RECOMMEND THIS TREATMENT

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I MET MY LOVE AGAIN!

NORA, YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL IN THE WORLD FOR ME! THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE ELSE! I SWEAR IT!

OH, BRUCE, DARLING...

BRUCE STORM WAS ALL ANY GIRL COULD ASK FOR IN A BOY! BREATH-TAKINGLY HANDSOME, CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, HEIR TO HIS FATHER'S REAL ESTATE FORTUNE, AND UTTERLY, DEVASTATINGLY CHARMING! BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, SANG MY HEART--HE WAS *MINE!*

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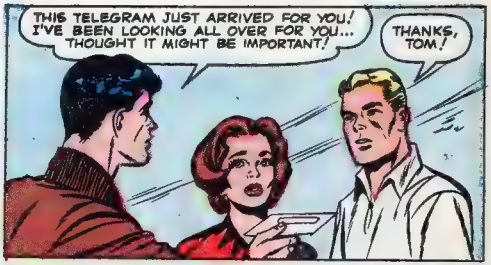
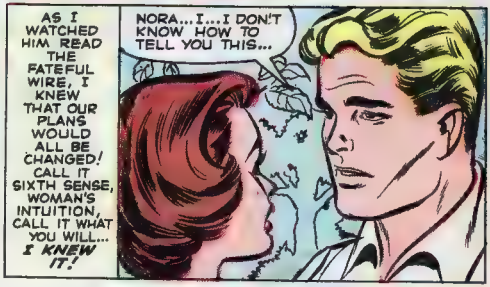
WHATEVER I DID, WHEREVER I WENT, BRUCE STORM WAS UPPERMOST IN MY THOUGHTS ...IN MY DREAMS ...AND IN MY HEART!

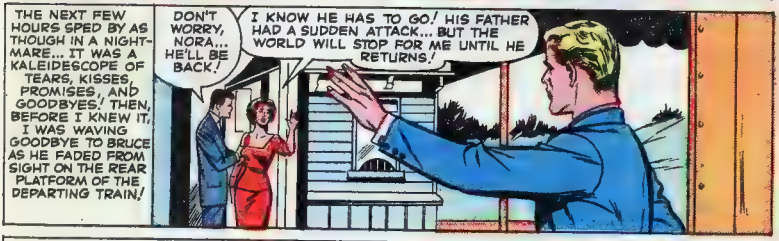
THAT'S IT, BRUCE! WONDERFUL, DEAREST!

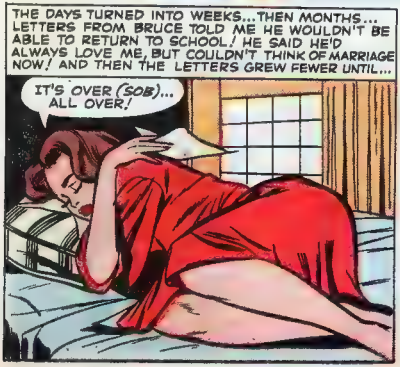
NORA, AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, OUR FOOTBALL TEAM ONLY HAS ONE PLAYER...BRUCE STORM!

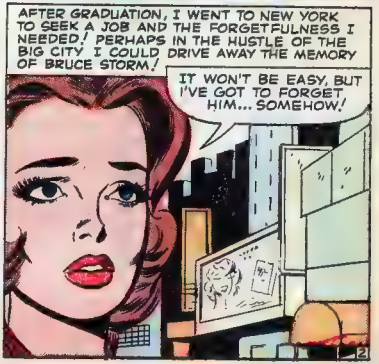
AND THEN, JUST WHEN IT SEEMED THAT LIFE COULDN'T BE ANY MORE PERFECT, DISASTER STRUCK!
BRUCE! BRUCE STORM! WAIT A MINUTE!


THIS TELEGRAM JUST ARRIVED FOR YOU! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU... THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT!
THANKS, TOM!


AS I WATCHED HIM READ THE FATEFUL WIRE, I KNEW THAT OUR PLANS WOULD ALL BE CHANGED! CALL IT SIXTH SENSE, WOMAN'S INTUITION, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL... I KNEW IT!
NORA... I... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS...


THE NEXT FEW HOURS SPED BY AS THOUGH IN A NIGHTMARE... IT WAS A KALEIDESCOPE OF TEARS, KISSES, PROMISES, AND GOODBYES! THEN, BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS WAVING GOODBYE TO BRUCE AS HE FADED FROM SIGHT ON THE REAR PLATFORM OF THE DEPARTING TRAIN!
DON'T WORRY, NORA... HE'LL BE BACK!
I KNOW HE HAS TO GO! HIS FATHER HAD A SUDDEN ATTACK... BUT THE WORLD WILL STOP FOR ME UNTIL HE RETURNS!


THE DAYS TURNED INTO WEEKS... THEN MONTHS... LETTERS FROM BRUCE TOLD ME HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL! HE SAID HE'D ALWAYS LOVE ME, BUT COULDN'T THINK OF MARRIAGE NOW! AND THEN THE LETTERS GREW FEWER UNTIL...
IT'S OVER (SOB)... ALL OVER!


AFTER GRADUATION, I WENT TO NEW YORK TO SEEK A JOB AND THE FORGETFULNESS I NEEDED! PERHAPS IN THE HUSTLE OF THE BIG CITY I COULD DRIVE AWAY THE MEMORY OF BRUCE STORM!
IT WON'T BE EASY, BUT I'VE GOT TO FORGET HIM... SOMEHOW!

I HAD MANY INTERVIEWS, BUT NO JOBS! I COULDN'T TYPE OR TAKE SHORTHAND, AND THE COMPETITION WAS JUST TOO KEEN!

WE'LL CALL YOU IF ANYTHING TURNS UP, MISS PETERS!

AND THEN, JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP...

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO PLACE A GIRL WHO CAN'T TYPE IN AN OFFICE SUCH AS THIS, BUT I THINK I CAN FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU!

OH, MISTER SPENCER, THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL!

I COULD TELL BY THE WAY HE SPOKE, BY THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME, THAT HE WAS *CREATING* A JOB... BECAUSE HE WAS INTERESTED IN ME! BUT A SOFT-SPOKEN AVERAGE EXECUTIVE LIKE MILES SPENCER COULD NEVER REPLACE COLORFUL BRUCE STORM IN MY HEART...

YOU CAN START BY REPLACING OUR RECEPTIONIST!

I APPRECIATE THIS SO MUCH, MR. SPENCER!

THE NEXT DAY, ON THE PRETEXT OF DISCUSSING MY DUTIES, HE ASKED ME TO LUNCH!

MISS BOWEN SAYS YOU'RE DOING QUITE WELL, NORA! I'M REALLY VERY PLEASED!

SO AM I, MR. SPENCER... AND I DO LOVE THE WORK!

MONTHS PASSED, AND I CAME TO KNOW MILES AS THE MOST DECENT, SINCERE PERSON I'D EVER MET! NOT GLAMOROUS OR STAR-KISSED AS I REMEMBERED BRUCE PERHAPS, BUT WARM AND COMFORTABLE TO BE WITH...

NORA, I ASKED YOU OUT TONIGHT FOR A SPECIAL REASON! MAYBE YOU CAN GUESS THE QUESTION I'M GOING TO ASK...

I THINK SO, MILES... BUT PLEASE DON'T ASK IT...

IT'S STILL THAT OTHER CHAP, ISN'T IT? THAT BRUCE STORM YOU TOLD ME ABOUT?

I'M AFRAID SO, MILES... I-I THINK IT WILL *ALWAYS* BE BRUCE! I'M SORRY, MILES DEAR--GENUINELY SORRY!

VERY WELL, NORA, I WON'T MENTION MY FEELINGS TO YOU ANY MORE! YOU KNOW, DARLING, IT'S AWFULLY HARD FOR ME TO COMPETE WITH THE MEMORY OF A DREAM MAN!

OH, MILES!

MILES AND I REMAINED FRIENDS, BUT I DIDN'T SEE HIM OFTEN AFTER THAT! HOWEVER, I NEVER COULD STOP DREAMING ABOUT BRUCE... AND HOPING... ALWAYS HOPING...

BRUCE'S HOME WAS IN CHICAGO! IF ONLY I HAD THE COURAGE TO GO THERE... FIND HIM... LEARN IF HE STILL CARES!

TIME HAS A WAY OF SPEEDING BY ALMOST UNNOTICED! I HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK FOR TWO YEARS, WHEN MILES SPENCER CAME IN ONE DAY...

NORA, OUR OFFICE IN CHICAGO HAS RUN INTO A SNAG! I WONDER IF YOU COULD FLY OUT THERE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE?

I'D BE HAPPY TO!

I WASN'T IN CHICAGO FOR FIVE MINUTES BEFORE I WAS FEVERISHLY THUMBING THROUGH THE PHONE BOOK...

HERE IT IS! STORM... BRUCE STORM! NORTH SHORE DRIVE!

AND WHEN I HEARD HIS VOICE ...I THOUGHT MY HEART WOULD STOP...

NORA!! *OF COURSE* I REMEMBER! STAY WHERE YOU ARE... I'LL MEET YOU IN TEN MINUTES!

I'LL WAIT, MY DEAREST...

I SPENT THE NEXT FEW MINUTES REMEMBERING ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS ABOUT BRUCE, TREASURING EACH FOND MEMORY...

I CAN STILL SEE HIS SMILE... THE WAY HE WALKED, THE WAY HIS EYES SPARKLED! OH, WON'T HE *EVER* GET HERE?

AND THEN HE ARRIVED! THERE ARE NO WORDS WHICH CAN ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE MY EMOTIONS WHEN I SAW HIM...

NORA, BABY!

BRUCE!

YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, DOLL! I'VE WANTED TO WRITE TO YOU, BUT I'VE BEEN REAL BUSY! I CAN SPARE YOU A FEW DAYS NOW, YOU LUCKY KID! HA HA!

BRUCE! YOU... YOU'VE CHANGED!

NOTICED IT, EH? SURE, I PUT ON A FEW POUNDS! MAKES ME LOOK MORE SUBSTANTIAL! SEPARATES THE MEN FROM THE BOYS, EH, CHICK? COME ON NOW, GIVE OL' BRUCE A KISS FOR OLD TIMES SAKE!

A KISS!! IS THAT ALL YOU CAN...? OH, BRUCE!

THE REST OF IT WAS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! THE HASTILY-INVENTED EXCUSE, THE FAST PARTING AND SPEEDY FLIGHT BACK TO NEW YORK!

OH, MILES... I FAILED YOU! I NEVER EVEN WENT TO YOUR CHICAGO OFFICE! AFTER I SAW BRUCE, I WAS SO BROKEN UP...

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, DEAR! YOU DIDN'T *HAVE* TO GO! IT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET YOU AND BRUCE TOGETHER!

I KNEW THAT I'D NEVER HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU NURTURED THAT SCHOOL GIRL DREAM OF PERFECTION ABOUT BRUCE, BUT I GAMBLED THAT IF YOU SAW HIM AGAIN, HE'D NO LONGER SEEM THE SAME!

MILES!... YOU DID IT JUST FOR ME!

FOR US, MY DARLING... FOR US... FOREVER!

AND SO I MARRIED MY DREAM MAN AFTER ALL--AND HIS NAME WAS MILES SPENCER! AND LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT, DEAR READER...BEFORE YOU WASTE TIME PINING FOR SOME IMPOSSIBLE IDEAL WHO IS UNREACHABLE, BE SURE YOUR REAL IDEAL ISN'T CLOSE AT HAND... JUST WAITING TO BE RECOGNIZED!

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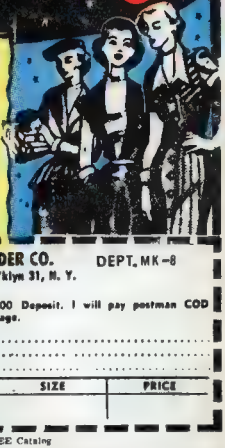

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THE TROUBLE WITH ME IS
I'M TOO HONEST
WHY FIGHT IT? IT'S BIGGER THAN BOTH OF US
THINK! MAYBE WE CAN DOING THIS WRONG
INCLUDE ME OUT
THANKS FOR ANYTHING
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY
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WHAT? YOU HERE AGAIN ANOTHER MAD HOUSE SHOT TO ...!
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO HUNT TO SHOOT THE BULL

YOUR SERVICE WAS EXCELLENT
IT'S BEEN A BUSINESS DOING PLEASURE WITH YOU
I HATE MY BOSS
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DON'T JUST DO SOMETHING STAND THERE
STOP STARING...
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Don't Go Away Mad
No ONE of us is as Smart as ALL of us!
MY BOSS IS WORSE THAN MY BABY
PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PERSONAL CALLS TO ONE HOUR EACH
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LET'S GO TOGETHER APART
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BUT WHY MUST WE WAIT, DARLING? WHY CAN'T WE MARRY IN JUNE AS WE PLANNED?

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO, DON... BUT ARE THINGS REALLY RIGHT?

I WAS IN LOVE WITH DON, BUT DESPITE HIS MANY EXCELLENT QUALITIES, BAD LUCK HAD A WAY OF DOGGING HIS FOOTSTEPS! TWICE WITHIN SIX MONTHS, HE HAD LOST HIS JOB, AND HIS PRESENT POSITION WAS FAR FROM PROMISING! AND SO, TRY AS I MIGHT, I COULDN'T HELP WORRYING... NOR COULD I CONQUER MY DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT BRING...

JAY SCOTT PIKE

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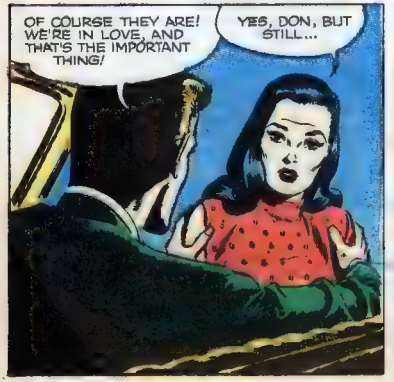
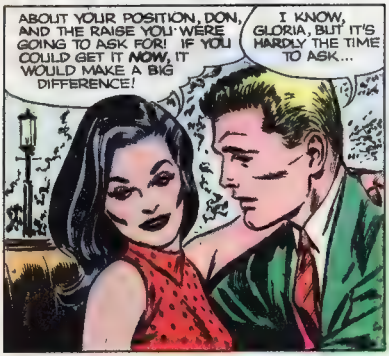
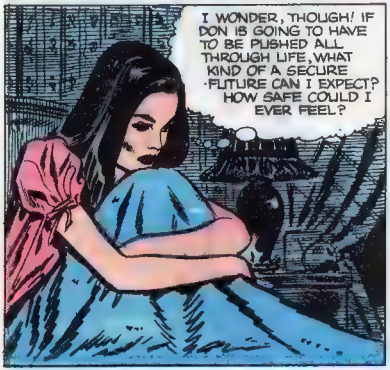


HIS HANDS TIGHTENED, AND THEN HE HAD DRAWN ME CLOSE! GENTLY HIS LIPS TOUCHED MINE... BUT IT WAS ONLY MAKING THINGS MORE DIFFICULT...

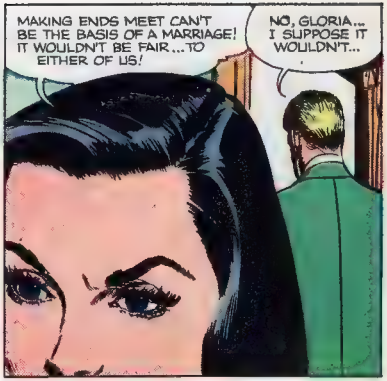
SLOWLY I WITHDREW FROM HIS EMBRACE, DETERMINED TO SPEAK MY MIND...



BUT THAT NIGHT, AS I REVIEWED OUR CONVERSATION...

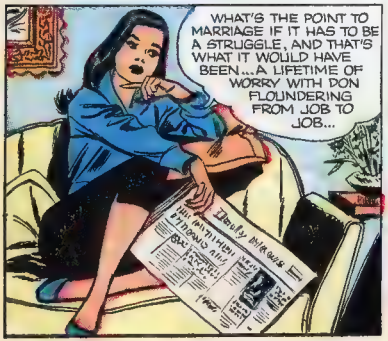


THEN ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, DON CALLED! THERE WAS AN INTENSENESS ABOUT HIM THAT WAS DIFFERENT, AND SUDDENLY HE WAS PROPOSING AGAIN...



THEN HE WAS GONE...

THE MONTHS PASSED... IT WAS LONELY AT FIRST NOT SEEING DON, BUT IN A WAY I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL FOR THE BEST...



BUT AS MY GAZE RETURNED TO THE PAPER, I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES...

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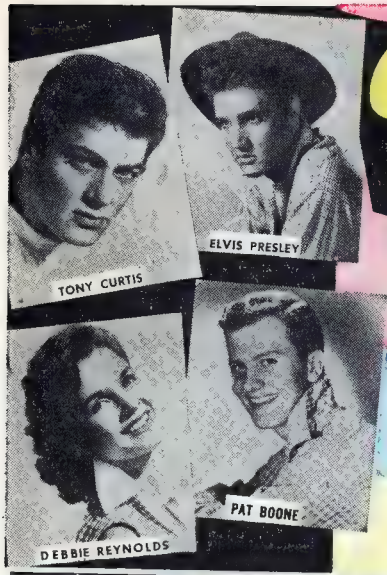

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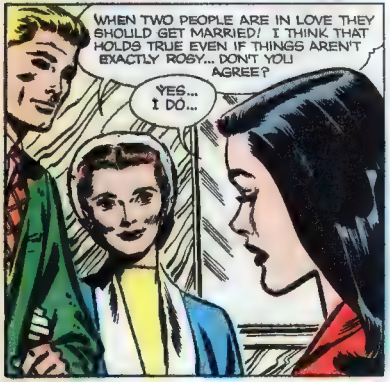
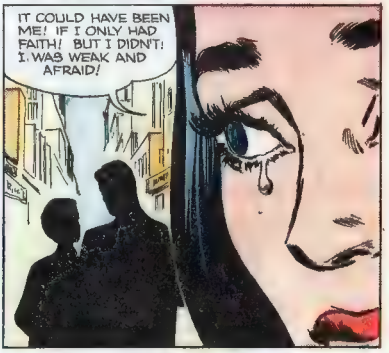
AND THEN, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, I MET DON ONE AFTERNOON IN TOWN...



IN A FALTERING VOICE, I WISHED THEM LUCK, AND THROUGH TEAR-FILLED EYES, I WATCHED THEM GO...



DURING THOSE FEW MONTHS KEN WAS AWAY, MY LOVE FOR HIM GREW BOUNDLESS! MY HEART ACHED FOR HIS EMBRACE! BUT HIS RETURN BROUGHT A STUNNING SURPRISE, AND WITH IT THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION I'D FAILED TO ASK MYSELF... WAS IT REALLY...

"Love, or Infatuation!"

THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CAFETERIA AT THE BELLVILLE CHEMICAL CORPORATION, WHERE I WORKED, WAS INFORMAL ENOUGH FOR ANYTHING TO HAPPEN... AND I WAS GLAD KEN MORROW "HAPPENED" TO ME!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL GIVE IT BACK WHEN WE REACH THE TABLE! NO ONE AS PRETTY AS YOU OUGHT TO BE BURDENED WITH TRAYS OF FOOD!

I'VE RESERVED TWO SEATS IN THE ORCHESTRA!

WELL, YOU SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN RIGHT OVER! NOT THAT I MIND!

WE'LL MAKE IT FORMAL! CLAIRE, THAT GALLANT CHAP IS KEN MORROW, BELLVILLE'S NEW THIRD STRING ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER!

SO! THIS IS A PUT-UP JOB! ALL I CAN SAY IS... THANKS!

I'D HAD MANY DATES WITH OTHER MEN, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE KEN! NOW HE TOOK ALL OF MY TIME! I WANTED IT THAT WAY...

WE'RE DOUBLE-DATING WITH HARRIET AND JOE AT THE BIRCH CLUB TONIGHT, SWEETHEART!

YOU'RE CERTAINLY TAKING ME FOR GRANTED, MR. MORROW!

OH, I BEG YOUR PARDON, MISS CLAYTON! SHALL I CALL IT OFF?

I'D DIE OF DISAPPOINTMENT! BUT, REALLY, KEN, THE BIRCH CLUB IS TERRIBLY EXPENSIVE!

MONEY'S MADE TO SPEND, CLAIRE!

I BELIEVE IN SAVING FOR THE FUTURE!

THE FUTURE I WAS THINKING OF, EVEN THOUGH I'D KNOWN KEN FOR JUST A MONTH, WAS ***OUR*** FUTURE TOGETHER! I WAS SURE WE BOTH TOOK MARRIAGE FOR GRANTED...

YOU SPOIL ME, GOING TO ALL THE BEST PLACES IN TOWN!

THAT'S WHAT I'M ***TRYING*** TO DO, DARLING! SPOIL YOU, SO YOU'LL NEVER WANT TO GO OUT WITH OTHER MEN AGAIN!

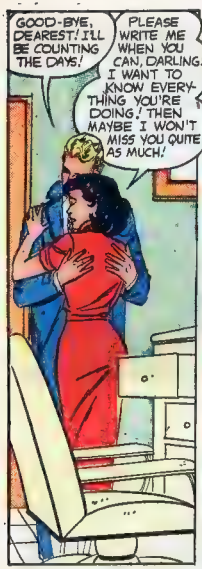
IN MY MIND AND HEART I DREAMED AND PLANNED FOR OUR WEDDING DAY! THEN, ONE DAY, MY WORLD CAME TO A TEMPORARY STOP...

HONEY, BAD NEWS! THE COMPANY'S SENDING ME TO THE COAST TO GET THE NEW BRANCH SALES DEPARTMENT ROLLING!

OH, KEN... NO!

IT WAS A SUDDEN DECISION! THE BIG BOSS SENT ME HOME THIS MORNING TO PACK, AND HERE I GO! IT'LL BE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, CLAIRE!

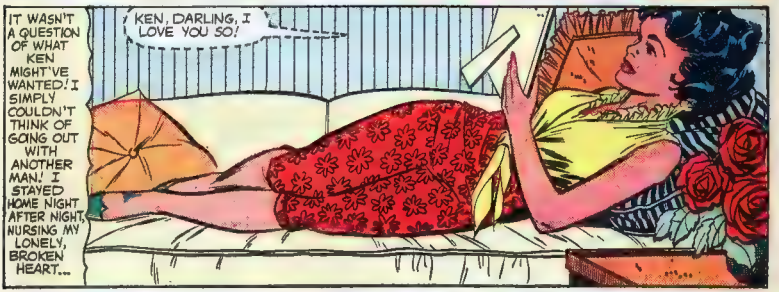
KEN, YOU'LL BE SO FAR AWAY! I'LL BE LOST TILL YOU GET BACK!


GOOD-BYE, DEAREST! I'LL BE COUNTING THE DAYS!
PLEASE WRITE ME WHEN YOU CAN, DARLING! I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING! THEN MAYBE I WON'T MISS YOU QUITE AS MUCH!

KEN HAD BEEN GONE BUT A DAY WHEN MY FORMER BOY FRIENDS TRIED TO DATE ME AGAIN...
THANKS JUST THE SAME, HARRY!
YOU'RE NOT ENGAGED TO KEN, ARE YOU? I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND YOU GOING TO THE MAYFIELD CLUB FOR DINNER!

I JUST WOULDN'T ENJOY MYSELF! PLEASE DON'T INSIST, HARRY!
SUIT YOURSELF! BUT I THINK YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND!

WHEN ANY OF OUR FRIENDS SUGGESTED I DOUBLE-DATE WITH THEM, I FELT THEY WERE BETRAYING KEN.
RITA! I THOUGHT YOU AND DAN WERE KEN'S FRIENDS!
KEN WOULD BE THE LAST ONE TO EXPECT YOU TO STAY HOME AND MOPE EVERY NIGHT!


IT WASN'T A QUESTION OF WHAT KEN MIGHT'VE WANTED! I SIMPLY COULDN'T THINK OF GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER MAN! I STAYED HOME NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, NURSING MY LONELY, BROKEN HEART...
KEN, DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO!

I POURED OUT MY LOVE TO HIM IN NIGHTLY LETTERS! HE'D WRITTEN ME ONLY TWICE, BUT I KNEW HOW BUSY HE MUST BE...

SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED! THEN, ONE SATURDAY EVENING, AFTER A DAY OF SHOPPING, I DECIDED TO TAKE IN A MOVIE... ALONE! BUT I SAW *HIM*, AND MY HEART THROBBED WITH JOY...

KEN!

OH, HELLO, CLAIRE!

ONLY THE PACKAGES I WAS HOLDING KEPT ME FROM THROWING MY ARMS ABOUT HIM AND MAKING AN UTTER FOOL OF MYSELF...

CLAIRE, I WANT YOU TO MEET MY WIFE! WE WERE MARRIED TWO MONTHS AGO IN CALIFORNIA! ELEANOR... MISS CLAYTON WORKS AT BELLVILLE!

HOW DO YOU DO, MISS CLAYTON!

KEN AND HIS WIFE RAMBLED ON WITH SMALL TALK, BUT I DIDN'T GRASP A WORD OF WHAT THEY SAID! THEN I WENT HOME, AND I COULDN'T CRY! I WAS TOO NUMB TO FEEL, TO UNDERSTAND...

WHY DID HE LEAD ME ON? WHY DID HE PRETEND TO LOVE ME AND LET ME FALL SO HARD FOR HIM?

I COULD FIND NO ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS, BUT I *DID* FIND AN ANSWER TO SALVE MY BROKEN HEART! IT WAS THE TROUBLED LOOK ON THE FACE OF KEN'S WIFE!

SHE'S WORRIED! KEN DOESN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO LIVE AS HE DOES, WEAR THOSE EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, OWN A BIG CAR!

I SUDDENLY FELT RELIEVED, LIGHT-HEARTED! AND I STARTED DATING AGAIN...

THEY PRACTICALLY LIVE IN NIGHT CLUBS, CLAIRE! I DON'T SEE HOW KEN CAN AFFORD IT!

KEN IS GOOD-LOOKING, CHARMING... AND *IRRESPONSIBLE*, RITA! HE'S A HOPELESS SPENDTHRIFT, AND I PITY ELEANOR!

THEN YOU'VE GOTTEN OVER YOUR LOVE FOR HIM... REALLY, CLAIRE?

IT *WASN'T LOVE*, RITA! I WAS BLINDED BY *INFATUATION*! DON'T YOU SEE, I'M FREE! I MIGHT'VE MARRIED HIM, AND IT WOULD'VE BEEN TOO LATE TO KNOW HOW I REALLY FELT! I'M HAPPY IT TURNED OUT THIS WAY!

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I shrink. I'm a bundle of nerves . . . afraid of being crushed.

I paused, waiting for him to speak, to lash back at me, but he said nothing.

Without raising my head I spoke again, conscious of my deliberate tone, the choice of words.

"I want to go back to Philadelphia, Allen! If not for good, then to think things over. I want you to come too. My father would be only too happy to do things for us."

The silence told me there was no point in my continuing. When I looked up, Allen was staring down at me. There was no harshness in his glance, no anger of any kind. When he spoke, the words came out thickly.

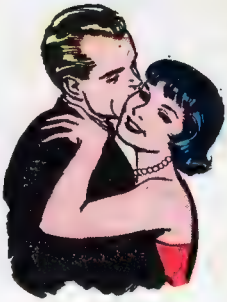
"If I went back with you, Vicki, you'd stop loving me within a year. I'd rather you went back alone, with the memory of what happiness we have known, than spoil it by what would be sure to follow."

Silently he drew on his coat and then stopped at the door.

"I'll get Andy to bring the wagon around. You can get the train out tonight . . ."

The door closed behind him, and I was alone with my turbulent thoughts. I crossed back to the window and stared out at the scene spreading before me. The great trees now thrust their limbs against the grey sky, and the lake had changed from the tints of purest blue to one dismal grey. I could hear the geese now, honking overhead, somewhere above the thick canopy of grey, somber clouds, and it gave the feeling that all life was fleeing to distant parts. That if I remained, it would be a kind of abandonment in a world of bristling elements, where dead trees and howling winds sought venegeance toward those fool enough to have remained behind. Thus my mind was made up.

That evening, with a glimmer of stars to point the way, I sat huddled in a corner as the wagon jogged harshly over the rutted road. There were no thoughts in my mind, only a numbness which seemed to sway my brain in rhythm with the creaking wheels. Then we heard it . . . a strange, plaintive call coming out of the darkness. Then Andy had leaped from his seat, pushing from his thick body through the brush.



When he returned, a small feathered creature struggled feebly within his arms.

"It's a young duckling," he said, holding it up for me to see.

"Wing's broken too, he added. "Guess I'll take him back to my place and mend him up."

"Will it live?" I asked.

"I guess so," he said, and the tiny thing seemed to snuggle all the closer in his arms.

Andy smiled down at it, his kind old face radiating warmth and love.

"Funny about these wild little things. If it weren't for this broken wing, I could never get near him. It takes trouble like this to let him know that I'm his friend."

He looked up at me and a thoughtful look came into his eyes.

"People are pretty much the same, though. When something frightens 'em they take off like scared ducks. Maybe if they'd hang around a bit, they'd find out that the only thing that was really frightening them was themselves."

He climbed back up into his seat, and then carefully placed the injured duckling beside him on a folded blanket. Then, retrieving the reins he slapped them gently against the horse's flanks. Slowly we started off again. But now my brain was no longer numb. The sight of the injured duckling, its dependence on old Andy's kindness, sent my thoughts racing. People did need each other, more than they thought, and running away never did solve anything.

I called out toward Andy's back. "Turn around," I pleaded. "Hurry!"

"Yes, Ma'am," he shouted back, and pulled in on the reins.

Ten minutes later I was raising the front door latch of the cabin, and seconds later Allen was holding me in his arms. Overhead I could hear the honking of a flight of wild geese. This time it did sound like a trumpet call, and I felt my courage responding.

"Frightened?" He murmured.

"Not any more," I whispered.

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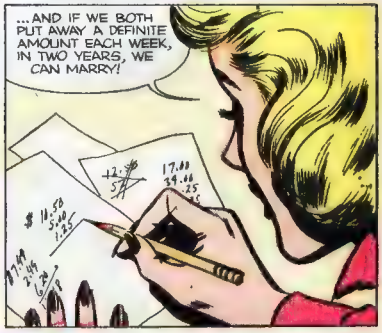
DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR WISHES DIFFERED, I WAS SO SURE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT PERFECTLY, I BEGAN TO PLAN...



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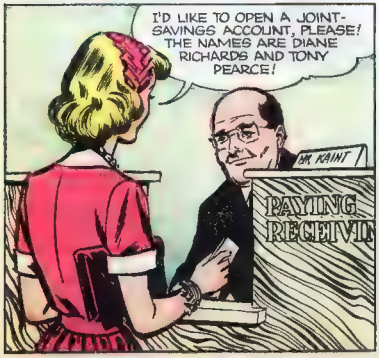

LATER...

...BUT TONY, IT'LL COST A FORTUNE... YOU **SHOULDN'T!**

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I WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL FOR **YOU**, TONY!

IT WAS SUCH A LOVELY EVENING THAT FEAR OF SPOILING IT CAUSED ME TO WAIT FOR HOURS BEFORE I BROACHED THE SUBJECT ON MY MIND...

TONY, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID REGARDING MONEY BEING FOR WONDERFUL TIMES... YOU KNOW THERE **ARE OTHER** THINGS...

ARE WE GOING TO GO THRU THAT AGAIN... NOW?

BUT I INSISTED UPON BEING HEARD...

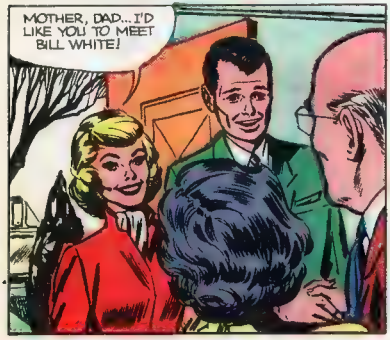
...AND THE MAN AT THE BANK SAID IF WE BOTH SAVE REGULARLY, IN TWO YEARS WE'LL HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO BEGIN MARRIED LIFE! TONY... DON'T JUST STAND THERE... SAY SOMETHING!

WE'VE GONE OVER THIS DOZENS OF TIMES, AND ALTHOUGH YOU KNEW HOW I FELT ABOUT IT, YOU WENT AHEAD WITH YOUR PLANS... WELL, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAN **ALONE**, DIANE!

TONY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

THIS **DOESN'T** MEAN THAT I LOVE YOU LESS THAN I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU, BUT I BELIEVE WE'VE REACHED A POINT BEYOND WHICH WE CANNOT GO...TOGETHER! LET'S BE FRIENDS, ALWAYS... BUT I DOUBT THAT IT CAN EVER BE ANY MORE THAN THAT!

IT WAS STRANGE THAT MY BREAK WITH TONY SEEMED TO HURT SO LITTLE! I EVEN FOUND IT EASY TO ADJUST ONCE MORE TO THE SOCIAL WHIRL...



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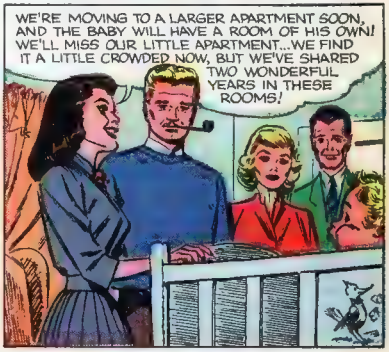
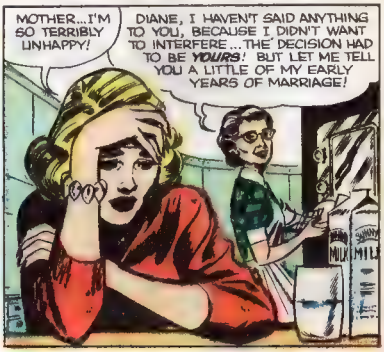
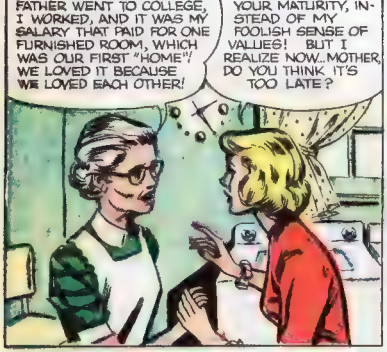


THE END OF THAT EVENING WITHOUT TONY WAS LIKE A FRAME WITHOUT A PAINTING IN IT... MEANINGLESS!

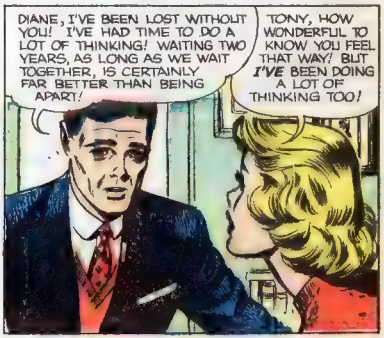
I MADE AN HONEST EFFORT TO GET ALONG WITHOUT TONY! DATING WAS AT TIMES FUN, BUT WITH LOVE IN YOUR HEART FOR ONE MAN, KISSING ANOTHER IS IMPOSSIBLE...

I FOUND CONSOLATION IN DISCUSSING MY PROBLEM WITH MOTHER...





IT WAS TONY WHO ANSWERED THAT QUESTION! LIKE OLD TIMES, WITH NO PHONE CALL, HE DROPPED OVER...



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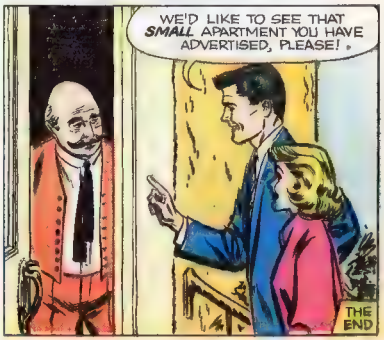

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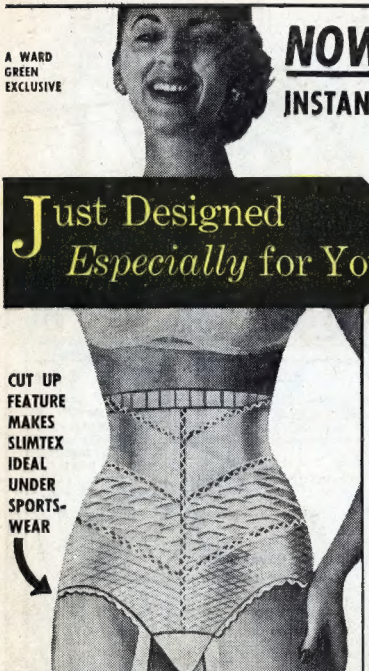

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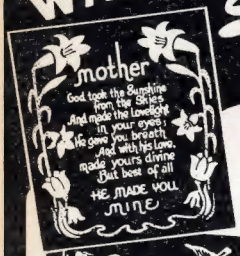

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